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SUMMARY. THE 10 SEPTEMBER TO 20 DECEMBER PERIOD WAS
CHARACTERIZED BY A LOW LEVEL OF MEETING ACTIVITY AND A
DECREASE OF TENSION IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA. HOWEVER,
THERE WERE SOME VIOLATIONS OF THE SEPTEMBER 6 AGREEMENT BY
KPA PERSONNEL. END SUMMARY.

1. ONE MAC MEETING, ONE SECRETARIES' MEETING AND FOUR
SECURITY OFFICERS' MEETINGS WERE HELD DURING THE PERIOD, A
LOWER LEVEL OF ACTIVITY THAN NORMAL FOR THIS TIME OF
YEAR. THEY WERE CALLED BY THE KPA/CPV, A PATTERN WHICH
IS NOT ABNORMAL.

2. NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS: AFTER THE AGREEMENT WHICH
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PROVIDED FOR NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE JOINT
SECURITY AREA WAS SIGNED ON 6 SEPTEMBER, A JOINT OBSERVER
TEAM COMPOSED OF UNC AND KPA/CPV ELEMENTS MET ALMOST DAILY
FROM 7 SEPTEMBER TO 22 SEPTEMBER. THE JOT PLOTTED, AGREED
UPON THE LOCATIONS OF, AND EMPLACED ALL MDL MARKINGS IN
THE JSA BY 14 SEPTEMBER 1976. BY 15 SEPTEMBER, THE KPA/CPV

HAD REMOVED THEIR FOUR GUARD POSTS ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE MDL AND, ON 16 SEPTEMBER, THE AGREEMENT WENT INTO EFFECT AS PLANNED.

3. UNC LETTER: ON 8 OCTOBER THE SECRETARY OF THE UNC PASSED A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY KPA/CPV THROUGH THE JOINT DUTY OFFICER ADDRESSING THE SUBJECT OF "COMMON INTERESTS." THIS LETTER WHICH FOLLOWED UP A PROPOSAL MADE AT THE 378TH MAC ON AUGUST 5, 1976 AND DISCUSSIONS AT THE 445TH SECRETARIES' MEETING ON AUGUST 17, 1976, RECOMMENDED THAT THE TWO SIDES ATTEMPT (1) TO DETERMINE THE COMPLETE FACTS OF ALLEGATIONS OF ARMISTICE VIOLATIONS, (2) TO REDUCE TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AND, (3) TO IMPROVE THE USE OF MAC ORGANS SO THAT THEY FUNCTION MORE EFFICIENTLY. THE UNC CITED EXAMPLES OF MEASURES WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THESE COMMON INTERESTS AND SOLICITED THE KPA/CPV POSITION ON THE SUBJECT AS WELL AS ANY SPECIFIC TOPICS THE KPA WISHED TO DISCUSS.

4. MAC MEETING: THE ONLY MEETING OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION DURING THE PERIOD WAS ON 9 OCTOBER 1976. AT THAT MEETING THE KPA/CPV CONCENTRATED ALLEGATIONS OF ARMISTICE VIOLATIONS AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THE UNC EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PROGRESS MADE FOLLOWING THE 18 AUGUST INCIDENT COULD BE CONTINUED AND SAID IT WOULD CAREFULLY WEIGH THE RESPONSE TO THE 8 OCTOBER LETTER TO SEE IF THE KPA/CPV HAD A REAL DESIRE FOR PROGRESS.

5. SECRETARIES' MEETING: AT A SECRETARIES' MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER THE KPA/CPV PRESENTED SOME 6,489 ALLEGATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ARMISTICE VIOLATIONS AGAINST THE UNC WHICH THEY SAID HAD ACCUMULATED SINCE THE LAST NORMAL SECRETARIES' MEETING HELD ON 17 AUGUST. THE CHARGES ENCOMPASSED PRIMARILY IDENTIFICATION AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS VIOLATIONS IN THE DMZ, AND WERE PRIMARILY DIRECTED AGAINST THE ROK. THE UNC AGREED TO INVESTIGATE THESE CHARGES, WHILE NOTING THAT SO MUCH TIME HAD ELAPSED SINCE THE ALLEGED INCIDENTS THAT INVESTIGATION WOULD BE DIFFICULT. THE UNC ALSO ATTEMPTED TO DRAW THE KPA/CPV INTO A DISCUSSION OF "COMMON INTERESTS," AND MADE A PROPOSAL TO USE THE JDO TO EXPEDITIOUSLY PASS CHARGES, WHILE CONTINUING TO PERMIT SUCH CHARGES TO BE RAISED AT MAC AND SEC MEETINGS. (THE UNC HAS FOLLOWED THIS PRACTICE AND DURING THE PERIOD IN QUESTION TRANSMITTED NOTICE OF 2,138 VIOLATIONS ON A WEEKLY BASIS THROUGH JDO MEETINGS.) KPA/CPV SAID THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN EITHER THE UNC OCTOBER 8 LETTER OR IN THE STATEMENTS AT THE MEETING.

6. REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE JOINT DUTY OFFICERS (DAILY) AND OF LANGUAGE OFFICERS (WEEKLY) CONTINUED WITHOUT INCIDENT. IN JDO MEETINGS, AS INDICATED ABOVE, THE UNC NOTED VIOLATIONS BY KPA PERSONNEL WITHIN THE JSA, INCLUDING STONE THROWING, GESTURES, AND ON ONE OCCASION ILLEGAL CROSSINGS OF THE MDL (WHEN A FEW KPA GUARDS BRIEFLY CROSSED THE SACHON BRIDGE AND RAN BACK WHEN OBSERVED). SECURITY OFFICERS' MEETINGS WERE HELD ON 23, 25 AND 30 SEPTEMBER AND ON 14 DECEMBER. DISCUSSION AT THESE MEETINGS CENTERED ON MINOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IN THE JSA, INCLUDING CHARGES BY THE KPA/CPV SIDE SIMILAR TO THOSE THAT HAD BEEN PRESENTED IN JDO MEETINGS BY THE UNC.

7. RELATED ACTIVITY: ON 7 SEPTEMBER, A BODY WAS FOUND IN THE PUK HAN RIVER, WHICH HAD APPARENTLY COME FROM NORTH OF THE MDL. ON 8 SEPTEMBER, THE UNC PASSED A MESSAGE TO THE KPA OFFERING TO RETURN THE BODY. THE KPA ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL AND THE BODY WAS RETURNED ON 10 SEPTEMBER

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